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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 02 November 2007 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☒ entered in part. See explanation below.

Regarding the language requested to be added to the dependent claims, the new rules package is not in effect, therefore any language pertaining thereto is unnecessary, and further, the language added is not necessary as the dependent claims are understood to incorporate the matter of its parent(s). Accordingly, those requested amendments are not entered. Regarding the request to cancel claims 97, 99-104, this is granted.



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